

Resolution No.: 16-510
Introduced: April 8, 2008
Adopted: April 15, 2008

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Councilmember Trachtenberg

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation and Amendment to the FY08 Cable Communications Plan
County Cable Montgomery (Paragraph F)
County Council
Contracts – TV Production
Televised County Council Committee Meetings: \$48,000
(Source of Funds: Cable Fund)

Background

1. Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that a special appropriation: a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency or to act without delay in the public interest; c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and d) must be approved by no fewer than six members of the Council.
2. Section 8A-27 of the Montgomery County Code, as amended, requires County Council approval of amendment of the Cable Communications Plan to provide additional appropriation beyond allowable County Executive transfers within the Plan.
3. The County Council contracts with Montgomery Community Television (MCT) to televise various committee meetings on the local public access channel, County Cable Montgomery, in an effort to provide public access to the legislative process.
4. Between July 2007 and February 2008, MCT televised 37 Council Committee meetings. By comparison, in all of FY07, MCT televised 32 Committee meetings. The Council expects to televise more Committee meetings, Council programs, Council worksessions, and public hearings by June 30, 2008 in order to provide public access to the FY09 budget process and other pending issues.
5. The additional production cost is \$48,000, which includes costs for MCT crew, editor, and videographer.
6. Notice of public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held.

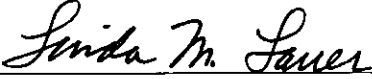
Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following action:

The County Council approves a special appropriation and amendment of \$48,000 to the FY08 Cable Communications Plan – County Cable Montgomery – County Council – Contracts – TV Production, as reflected in the attached revised FY08 Cable Communications Plan, to televise additional meetings.

This special appropriation is necessary to act without delay and in the public interest.

This is a correct copy of Council action.


Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

FY08 CABLE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (\$000's)

SCHEDULED EXPENDITURES	Actual FY06	Approved FY07	Estimated FY07	Approved FY08	% Chg From '07 Plan					
					FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	1,607	2,573	2,642	1,281	-50.2%	570	735	1,351	1,968	2,411
REVENUES										
5% Franchise Fee	11,263	8,936	9,470	9,849	10.2%	10,105	10,368	10,638	10,915	11,199
G'Burg PEG Contribution	203	152	185	192	26.6%	197	202	207	212	218
PEG Operating	1,984	2,014	2,122	2,207	9.6%	2,264	2,323	2,383	2,445	2,509
PEG Capital/Equipment	230	236	239	246	4.3%	253	260	267	274	281
Verizon-Grant	0	0	250	200	0.0%	200	200	200	0	0
FiberNet Operating	1,417	1,453	1,474	1,518	4.5%	1,558	1,599	1,641	1,684	1,728
Interest Earned	154	178	200	200	12.4%	200	210	220	230	240
Tower Review Fees	122	55	130	75	36.4%	77	79	81	83	85
Miscellaneous	0	0	25	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer from the General Fund	0	0	0	432	0.0%	1,232	832	832	832	0
TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUES	15,373	13,024	14,095	14,919	14.6%	16,086	16,073	16,469	16,675	16,260
TOTAL RESOURCES-CABLE FUND	16,980	15,597	16,737	16,201	3.9%	16,656	16,808	17,820	18,643	18,671
EXPENDITURES										
A. FRANCHISE ADMINISTRATION										
Personnel Costs	549	698	576	721 +	3.3%	740	759	779	799	820
Oper. Exp. & Cap. Outlay	76	71	71	123 +	73.2%	75	77	79	81	83
Engineering/Inspection	485	510	510	705 +	38.2%	723	742	761	781	801
Indirect costs trans to Gen Fund	174	194	194	202 1	4.1%	208	214	214	214	214
SUBTOTAL	1,284	1,473	1,351	1,751	18.9%	1,746	1,792	1,833	1,875	1,918
B. COUNTY ATTORNEY										
Personnel Costs	67	76	76	81	6.6%	85	89	93	97	101
SUBTOTAL	67	76	76	81 2 +	6.6%	85	89	93	97	101
C. OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES										
Legal and other	389	400	550	405	1.3%	416	427	438	449	461
SUBTOTAL	389	400	550	405 +	1.3%	416	427	438	449	461
D. MUNI. FRANCHISE FEE SHARING										
Revenues to municipalities	636	643	682	709	10.3%	728	746	766	786	806
SUBTOTAL	636	643	682	709 +	10.3%	728	746	766	786	806
E. MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT & OPERATIONS										
Rockville Equipment (a)	43	50	52	54	8.0%	55	56	57	58	60
Rockville PEG Operating Support (a)	60	62	62	64	3.2%	66	68	70	72	74
Takoma Park Equipment (a)	43	50	52	54	8.0%	55	56	57	58	60
Takoma Park PEG Oper. Support (a)	60	62	62	64	3.2%	66	68	70	72	74
Municipal League Eqp. (a)	43	50	52	54	8.0%	55	56	57	58	60
Muni. League PEG Oper. Support (a)	60	62	62	64	3.2%	66	68	70	72	74
SUBTOTAL	309	336	342	354 +	5.4%	363	372	381	390	402
F. COUNTY CABLE MONTGOMERY										
Administration										
Personnel Costs	166	264	176	304 +	15.2%	316	329	342	355	355
Operating	18	24	24	25 +	4.2%	25	26	27	28	29
Closed Captioning	187	248	248	319 +	28.6%	327	336	345	354	363
Technical Operations Center (TOC)	143	52	100	23 +	-55.8%	27	28	29	30	31
Arts PEG - AFI	0	0	0	0 +	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0
VOD, Community BB, web services	30	48	48	48 +	0.0%	49	50	51	52	53
Public Information Office										
Personnel Costs	182	175	175	185 2 +	5.7%	194	203	212	222	232
Operating Expenses	8	10	10	12 2 +	20.0%	12	12	13	14	15
Contracts - TV Production	385	414	414	414 +	0.0%	425	436	447	459	471
County Council										
Personnel Costs	30	32	32	36 2 +	12.5%	38	40	42	44	46
Operating Expenses	39	86	86	48 +	-44.2%	48	50	52	54	55
Contracts - TV Production	370	440	440	452 +	2.7%	464	476	488	501	514
MNCPPC										
Personnel Costs	0	0	0	81 +	0.0%	81	81	81	81	81
Operating Expenses	0	0	0	21 +	0.0%	22	23	24	25	26
Contracts - TV Production	0	0	0	124 +	0.0%	127	130	133	136	140
SUBTOTAL	1,558	1,793	1,753	2,092	16.7%	2,155	2,220	2,286	2,355	2,411

These projections for the Cable TV Fund incorporate assumptions of annual resources and resource usage as well as projected end-of-year reserves available based on these assumptions. This scenario assumes that operating expenditures will experience net increases as a trend. Factors contributing to the assumed rate of increase include compensation adjustments, program and productivity improvements, and cost increases driven by inflation. This scenario represents one possible fiscal future based on the incorporated set of expenditure and resource assumptions. Other scenarios would occur if the County Executive and County Council adopted a different program plan or if the future brings different trends than presumed in the incorporated assumptions. The County Executive presents these fiscal projections as a tool for thinking about the future fiscal policy implications of the recommended program of expenditures and resources.

FY08 CABLE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (\$000's)

SCHEDULED EXPENDITURES	Actual FY06	Approved FY07	Estimated FY07	Approved FY08	% Chg From '07 Plan	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13
G. MONTGOMERY COLLEGE										
Personnel Costs	752	868	868	1000 ³	15.2%	1026	1053	1080	1108	1137
Operating Expenses	187	199	199	219 ³	10.1%	225	231	237	243	249
SUBTOTAL	939	1,067	1,067	1,219	14.2%	1,251	1,284	1,317	1,351	1,386
H. PUBLIC SCHOOLS										
Personnel Costs	1080	1173	1196	1234 ⁴	5.2%	1,266	1,299	1,333	1,368	1,404
Operating Expenses	158	210	187	287 ⁴	36.7%	294	302	310	318	326
SUBTOTAL	1,238	1,383	1,383	1,521	10.0%	1,560	1,601	1,643	1,686	1,730
I. COMMUNITY ACCESS ORGANIZATIONS (b)										
Personnel Costs	1,548	1,685	1,685	1,779	5.6%	1,825	1,872	1,921	1,971	2,022
Operating Expenses	726	720	720	755	4.9%	775	795	816	837	859
SUBTOTAL	2,274	2,405	2,405	2,534 +	5.4%	2,600	2,667	2,737	2,808	2,881
J. PEG NETWORK										
PEG Equipment Replacement	783	879	879	900 +	2.4%	843	885	930	976	1025
Emergency Equipment Reserve	0	80	80	80 +	0.0%	82	84	86	88	90
PEG Network Engineering & Admin	40	142	142	40 +	-71.8%	44	46	49	51	54
Community Programming	35	46	46	100 +	117.4%	102	104	106	108	110
PEG Promotion	30	34	34	35 +	2.9%	36	37	38	40	42
PEG Network Operating	55	90	90	125 +	38.9%	128	131	134	137	141
Mobile Production Vehicle	593	82	82	82 +	0.0%	86	90	95	100	105
SUBTOTAL	1,536	1,353	1,353	1,362	0.7%	1,321	1,377	1,438	1,500	1,567
K. OTHER										
Down County Comm. Media Facility	12	0	0	0 +	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0
Grants to Organizations	39	39	39	39 +	0.0%	39	39	39	39	39
SUBTOTAL	51	39	39	39	0.0%	39	39	39	39	39
PEG + ADMIN. SUBTOTAL	10,281	10,958	11,001	12,067	10.0%	12,264	12,614	12,971	13,336	13,702
L. INSTITUTIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS										
FiberNet-Operations (DTS)	975	1,175	1,175	1,182 +	0.6%	1,213	1,245	1,277	1,310	1,344
FiberNet-Operations (DPWT)	240	249	249	249 +	0.0%	255	262	269	276	283
FiberNet-CIP	1,000	1,970	1,970	1,735 ⁶	-11.9%	1,560	1,335	1,335	1,310	0
Verizon-Cable Service to Public Buildings	0	0	0	0 +	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0
COB Renovations - CIP	0	0	0	323 ⁶	0.0%	629	0	0	0	0
Advanced Transportation Management System (ATMS) - CIP	1,241	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0
Park & Planning Technology Projects	0	284	284	75	-73.6%	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL	3,456	3,678	3,678	3,564	-3.1%	3,657	2,842	2,881	2,896	1,627
TOTAL EXPEND-PROGRAMS	13,136	14,646	14,679	15,631	6.7%	15,921	15,456	15,852	16,232	15,329
OTHER USES OF CATV FUNDS -										
Prior Year Adjustments	(601)	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0
CIP-Designated Claim on Fund	0	0	777	0		0	0	0	0	0
Transfer to the General Fund		284	284	0	-100.0%	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OTHER USES & ADJ. -	(601)	284	1,061	0	-100.0%	0	0	0	0	0
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	1,035	(1,622)	(584)	(712)	-56.1%	165	617	617	443	931
FUND BALANCE	2,642	951	1,281	570	-40.1%	735	1,351	1,968	2,411	3,342
FUND BALANCE per Policy Guidance		734	784	810		831	853	875	898	922
EXPENDITURES BY FUNDING SOURCE										
Transfer to Gen Fund-Indirect Costs	174	194	194	202 ¹	4.1%	208	214	214	214	214
Transfer to Gen Fund-Cable Opns	0	0	0	0 ²	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0
Trans to Gen Fund-Mont Coll Cable Fd	939	1,067	1,067	1,219 ³	14.2%	1,251	1,284	1,317	1,351	1,386
Trans to Gen Fund-Public Sch Cable Fd	1,238	1,383	1,383	1,521 ⁴	10.0%	1,560	1,601	1,643	1,686	1,730
Trans to Gen Fund-FIBERNET Operations	0	0	0	0 ⁵	0.0%	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer to CIP Fund	2,241	1,970	1,970	2,058 ⁶	4.5%	2,189	1,335	1,335	1,310	0
Transfer to the General Fund-Other	0	284	284	0 ⁷	-100.0%	0	0	0	0	0
CATV Fund Direct Expenditures	9,145	9,748	9,781	10,631 +	9.1%	10,713	11,022	11,343	11,671	11,999
TOTAL EXPEND-FUNDING SOURCE	13,737	14,646	14,679	15,631	6.7%	15,921	15,456	15,852	16,232	15,329

NOTES:

¹ Transferred from the Cable Television Special Revenue Fund to the General Fund-Indirect Costs.

² Transferred to General Fund for Cable Operations in prior years.

³ Transferred to General Fund for Montgomery College Cable Fund.

⁴ Transferred to General Fund for Montgomery County Public Schools Cable Fund.

⁵ Transferred to General Fund for FIBERNET Operations in prior years.

⁶ Transferred to CIP Fund

⁷ Transferred to General Fund for Other Technology Related Use

(+) Funded directly from the Cable Television Special Revenue Fund.

(a) Maximum cable company contribution to fund municipal equipment

(b) Currently Montgomery Community Television, Inc.